

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Tim Matthews, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, and Mrs. Janie S. Downer, Superintendent/Principal were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors.

The Board approved the tentative agenda by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the March 2021 financial report by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the April 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the April 29, 2021 public hearing minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to accept the resignation/retirement of Mrs. Janie S. Downer as the Superintendent/Principal (effective June 30, 2021) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase a 2022 (90-passenger) Thomas Bus for \$114,743.21 (\$77,220 State Funded, \$37,523.21 Cares Act III or General Fund) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the out-of-county tuition in the amount of \$500 per child for the 2021-2022 school year by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 100% in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Tim Matthews, and Mr. Donald Brown voting for the motion; Mr. Jimmie Johnson opposed.

The Board approved the amended Federal Family and Medical Leave Act Policy GBRIG by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The first reading of the Teacher Evaluation Appeal Policy GBIA took place at this time.

Mrs. Downer presented the Board with the Superintendent's Report-Lunchroom funds will cover the cost of the lunchroom's cooler/freezer instead of Cares Act funds—consulted with the Cares Act DOE region support. Principal's picnic/Spring Fling activity was moved from April 30th to the 29th due to the possibility of rain—the students enjoyed. Several of the Webster Co. High School track members competed in the Sectional Track Meet Saturday, May 8th. None advanced to the State competition, but the experience set the tone for next year. Coach McCullough notified Mrs. Downer that several schools in our region are trying to organize 8-Man Football competition—BOE members will be informed regarding developments. Webster will have a Summer Conditioning Program for all interested athletes—this is an important part of being competitive. Honors Day on May 7th was excellent (students and parents were very supportive of the event. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th (BOE members will have seats on the gym floor). Mrs. Downer commented that she is providing summer work goals for the Administrative, Maintenance, and Transportation employees.

Title I Report-Ms. Swain commented that they were still waiting on ESSER Cares Act II budget to be approved. Also, they are still waiting on the clip to be approved. Cares Act I is almost spent—deadline is September 30, 2021. ESSER Cares Act III budget has not been completed—waiting on a couple of quotes on the heating/cooling/air purifier. EOG scores will be available May 19th, EOC scores – May 25th (does not affect the Seniors).

Special Education Report-Ms. Ellis commented that the end of year paperwork is almost complete. Some considerations for our Special Education flow through monies are playground equipment (printout of 2 good choices) and virtual headsets for self-contained classroom. Benefits of the virtual headsets: create environments where they can work on social skills in a safe space, environments where students can experience virtual shopping trips to teach budgeting; experience how to cross the street without leaving the classroom; motivation and helps with behavior because they can be used as a reward, and helps with communication skills, virtual field trips. Also, the teacher is on a headset or computer and is an active teacher while they are in use.

CTAE-Dr. Ingram commented that 555 canned goods (goal was 500 cans) were delivered to Family Connection from the FBLA Service Project "Cans for Children". FY'21 CTAE budget amendments are being processed. FY'22 local application, CLNA Grant Application, and Perkins Plus Grant Applications have been submitted to DOE for approval. Also, Dr. Ingram commented they are looking into purchasing online software to expose high school students to Interviews & Job Shadowing. High School: 100% participation in-person and remote high school for EOCs (Coordinate Algebra, US History, Biology, American Literature); APEX ended May 7th for remote students (22 remote high school students)—91% of remote students successfully completed all courses—Renew APEX for next year. Honor's Day was a success. Dr. Ingram commented that they are preparing for graduation, finalizing teacher summative conferences, and summer workbooks are being sent home to enhance learning over the summer break. Remote students can pick up their basic math and daily language practice books in the office. Students will return books in the fall for academic credit. Dual Enrollment: Spring classes have ended—waiting on grades. GSW Summer classes – May 24th (core) with 3 participating in summer and 6 participating in fall. SGTC Summer classes – May 25th with 4 participating in summer and 5 participating in fall.

The Board approved to adjourn by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 6:24 p.m.
Prepared by: Regina T. Dotts
Approved: 6/14/2021